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FOLLOWING REPEAT LISBON 2049 ACTION SECSTATE INFO HONG KONG
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QUOTE

C O N F I D E N T I A L LISBON 2049

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, PINT, PO, CH

SUBJ: GRC FEARS OF IMMINENT DIPLOMATIC TIES
BETWEEN PORTUGAL AND PRC

1. CHINESE CHARGE BENJAMIN TU CALLED ON DCM MAY 22
TO INQUIRE IF ANYTHING SUBSTANTIVE TRANSPIRED DURING
CALL BY AMBASSADOR ON FOREIGN MINISTER SOARES MAY 20.
DCM ADVISED THAT SOARES HAD REVEALED GOP DESIRE TO
ESTABLISH RELATIONS WITH COMMUNIST COUNTRIES,
INCLUDING PRC, IN ORDER TO NORMALIZE ITS INTER-
NATIONAL POSITION.

2. TU EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR THIS INFORMATION
WHICH CONFIRMED PRESS REPORTS THAT GOP WAS IN FACT
CONTEMPLATING TIES WITH PRC. HE INDICATED THAT HE
PLANS TO CALL ON SOARES IN THE NEAR FUTURE TO
PRESENT HIS COMPLIMENTS BUT ALSO TO DISCUSS
REALISTICALLY THE EFFECT OF GOP-PRC RELATIONS ON
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GOP-GRC RELATIONS. HE PLANS REFER TO ARMED FORCES

MOVEMENT PROGRAM, IN WHICH THEY CALL FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF RELATIONS WITH ALL FRIENDLY COUNTRIES, TO EXPRESS THE HOPE THAT GOP WILL NOT SEEK RELATIONS WITH PRC AT EXPENSE OF ALL TIES WITH GRC. HE PLANS ALSO TO STRESS THE ADVERSE AFFECT THAT WOULD BE CAUSED AMONG CHINESE COMMUNITIES IN PORTUGAL, MOZAMBIQUE, AND TIMOR, WHO HE SAID WERE PRO-GRC, IF ESTABLISHMENT OF RELATIONS WITH PRC MEANT END OF RELATIONS WITH GRC.

3. REQUEST INSTRUCTIONS AS TO WHETHER DEPARTMENT DESIRES THIS EMBASSY TO SUPPORT GRC DEMARCHE TO SOARES AT SUITABLE TIME AND IN SUITABLE FORM.
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